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Method For Determining And Controlling Material Flux Of Continuous Cast Slabs

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- 1. [x] This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
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- 3. [x] This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and
- 4. [x]A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- 5. [x]A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
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 - c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- 6. [x]A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
- 7. [x] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
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 - d. [x] have not been made and will not be made.
- 8. [] A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- 9. [x] An unexecuted oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- 10.[] A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5).

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- 11.[] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
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